

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Good  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 29. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Good	Excellent
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	56.5	53.0	67.5	62.6	64.0	67.2
• Passed 2 subtests	23.1	19.0	16.7	19.1	19.0	16.3
• Passed 1 subtest	13.9	11.0	9.5	11.6	10.6	10.2
• Passed no subtests	6.5	17.0	6.3	6.7	6.5	6.3

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	18.9%	17.8%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	18.9%	18.8%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	56.8%	49.7%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	93.1%	18.9%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	60.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	94.7%	19.6%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	86.5%	12.8%	
Female	96.8%	23.2%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	82.1%	6.9%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	97.2%	24.2%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	89.3%	7.4%	
Pay for lunch	94.4%	23.5%	

### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	52.7%
Completers placed	90.2%
Eligible students enrolled	79.7%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,706	N/A	\$5,302	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 89.2%	89.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	24.3 to 1	N/A	25.5 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=507)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	14.3%	N/A	48.8%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.0%	Up from 94.7%	95.1%	95.3%
• Retention rate	11.2%	Up from 7.1%	10.9%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=37)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.2 Days	Up from 7.3	7.4 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.8%	Up from 95.7%	95.8%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	45.9%	Up from 44.4%	49.1%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	91.9%	Up from 89.2%	79.2%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.7%	Up from 0.0%	2.6%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	89.0%	Up from 87.7%	84.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,957	Up 6.3%	\$38,128	\$38,125

### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	5.6%	Up from 5.0%	3.3%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	60.9%	N/A	57.6%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	5.0	N/A	4.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	43.1%	N/A	60.7%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	6.9%	Down from 8.2%	10.1%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	35	N/A	29	29
• Gifted and talented	0.0%	Down from 5.0%	8.3%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	9.9%	Up from 9.1%	11.3%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	21.3%	N/A	5.5%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	404	N/A	401	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	100.0%	N/A	29.7%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a great year at Chesterfield High School. Our students performed well academically, artistically, and athletically. They have given of their time, talents, and money to worthy projects in the community. They contributed many hours at the hospital and local nursing homes and raised over \$2,000 for charity. Among our accomplishments are the following:

The average SAT scores have increased each year since the 1997-98 school year. One junior was named the upper-state individual champion in SAT competition. Seniors were offered more than one-half million dollars in scholarships. One senior qualified for the Palmetto Fellowship Scholarship. Two seniors received South Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarships. Eight students received the President's Award for Educational Excellence. Two students participated in the academic program at Governor's School. One student attended Governor's School in the creative writing program.

Our band participated in the All-American Band Competition in Orlando, Florida, and received superiors in four different areas. The Jazz Band was named the best overall at the competition.

One junior was elected as recording secretary for the South Carolina Student Government Association. One sophomore was elected as president of the District 5 Student Government Association.

Our electro-mechanical technology class helped the town by wiring the new helicopter-landing pad at the industrial park.

Nine of our athletic teams made the play-offs. One sophomore was named a state champion in wrestling.

Chesterfield High School is a high school that works.

Ken Harmon, Principal

## EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	75.7	64.4	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	94.7	64.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	59.5	77.0	

## DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 507 Students

## Principal

Mr. Scott Radkin 843-623-2161

## Superintendent

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## Board Chair

Jerry DuBose Holley 843-335-8420

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent



## South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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